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Attached is an outline of the study on CIA and the Vietnam War that [redacted] is working on in the Center for the Study of Intelligence. Just for your information.

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Outline Approach to Historical Study Project for Center for the Study of Intelligence.

I. Scope and Time Frame

Title: CIA and the Vietnam War: An Historical Study of U.S. Intelligence Performance, 1965-1975.

SCOPE: The study will examine the estimative process during the period, 1 January 1965 - 30 April 1975, focusing primarily on finished intelligence and the organizational arrangements developed to produce that intelligence, with emphasis on the analytical function rather than the collection mission. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Although not specifically excluded from the scope of the study, intelligence input into US policy making and its effect on policy decisions will be examined, but only indirectly, and will not be undertaken as a major effort. CIA and Inter-Agency (Community) performance will receive primary attention. Defense (DIA, CINPAC, and MACV), State/INR, and NSA will be reviewed only incidentally and not in any depth.

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Time Frame: In order to provide adequate background for the study, the earlier years of the U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia, 1950-1964, will be briefly examined in the same context as the main study and discussed in a prologue. Time frame of the main study, 1 January 1965 to 30 April 1975, will be further divided into three sub-periods:

- I. 1 January 1965 (Commitment of U.S. military power in Southeast Asia) to 31 October 1968 (complete U.S. bombing halt).

II. 1 November 1968 to 29 January 1973 (Cease-Fire in Vietnam)

III. 30 January 1973 to 30 April 1975 (Fall of Saigon)

End Result: Major conclusions drawn pertaining to U.S. intelligence during the period, implications for the future, lessons learned, and, if appropriate, recommendations.

II. Research and Study Areas

1. Finished Intelligence (Primary). (See Ind 1 for documentation requested to date)

- a. Flow of Current Intelligence. Factors to be considered include accuracy, consistency, and analytic content.
- b. "Track Record" of Major Products. Factors examined will include reliability, consistency, accuracy, timeliness, policy relevance, coverage, and estimative content.

SOURCES:

Primary: CIA Documents (Files of both OCR and the STAT Archives and Record Center will be examined).

Inter-Agency Estimates (NIE's, SNIE's ITM's)

Secondary: Defense (DIA, CINCPAC and MACV), State/INR, and NSA documents.

"Vietnam and the Office of National Estimates, 1951-1964," dated 28 October, 1964, by John Kerry King.

Other special studies of intelligence, for example, post-mortems of specific cases such as the Enemy Tet 1968 offensive, and NVA use of Cambodian bases.

Published books and articles.

2. Organizational Developments Within CIA/DDI and the Intelligence Community with respect to Vietnam coverage. (Primary).

- a. Assigned analytical responsibilities for Vietnam
- b. Relationships within CIA
- c. Relationships within the community
- d. Changes: rational, significant, effects, net results.

SOURCES: DDI organizational histories, for example ORR/OER & OSR, OCI, ONE and SAVA, to include functions, key personnel, and staffing.

Interviews with CIA and other intelligence officials, for example, George Allen, Maurice Ernst, Paul Walsh.

Published articles such as Moreno's study on national estimates (Center for the Study of Intelligence)

3. Intelligence Input to and Effect on U.S. Policymakers (secondary).

Quality, timeliness, relevance, and effect on U.S. policy will be among the factors considered.

SOURCES: Internal CIA studies or notes that may be available, such as the draft history of Saigon Station.

Policy support documents from the Office of the DCI, SAVA, DDI, NIO for Asia, pertinent office directors (ORR, OER, OCI), and the old Board of National Estimates that may be available.

Published books such as Colby's Honorable Men; Kissinger's The White House Years and Years of Upheaval; J. Lawton Collins' Autobiography; M.D. Taylor's Swords into Ploughshares; L.B. Johnson's The Vantage Point; W.W. Rostow's The Diffusion of Power; Snapp's Decent Interval; and Power's The Man Who Kept the Secrets.

Published articles in various periodicals.

Interviews with key intelligence officials.

4. Principal U.S. Officials, 1953 - 1975. As an aid to the above research, a chronological chart is being developed showing the tenure of the key figures in Washington (the President, Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, National Security Adviser to the President, DCI, JCS, and Director, DIA), in Hawaii (CINCPAC), and in Saigon (U.S. Ambassador, CIA station Chief, and senior U.S. military official). The chart will also indicate major events in Vietnam from the fall of Dien Bien Phu in May 1954 to the fall of

Saigon in April 1975 so that the primary players can be readily determined for any specific period.

III. Preliminary Schedule.

December 1982 - April 1983:	Gathering material for research; documents, interviews, etc.
May - September 1983 :	Analysis and study; initial drafting of paper.
October - November 1983 :	Final drafting of paper.
December 1983 :	Submission of paper.

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YEAR	OCR #1 (Aegis Recon) (Rec'd Dec '82)		OCR #2 (Xerox) (Rec'd Mid-Jan '83)		OCR #3 (computer) (Rec'd 28 Jan '83)		TOTALS	
	Number Requested (Jan '83)	Number Listed	Number Requested (Late Jan '83)	Number Listed	Number Requested (3 Feb '83)	Number Listed	Number Requested	Number Listed
1964	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1
1965	—	—	23	420	3	3	26	423
1966	—	—	24	740	4	8	28	48
1967	—	—	14	950	14	41	28	991
1968 (Jan-Feb)	—	—	7	170	21	257	28	427
1968 (Mar-Dec)	—	—	—	—				
1969	—	—	—	—	11	83	11	83
1970	—	—	—	—	12	100	12	100
1971	—	—	—	—	12	38	12	38
1972	74	700	—	—	(17)	(215)*	74	700
1973	29	550	—	—	—	—	29	550
1974	43	575	—	—	—	—	43	575
1975 (Jan-May)	28	305	—	—	—	—	28	305
TOTALS	174	2,130	68	2,280	78	531	320#	4,941

* Items for 1972 on OCR #3 overlap with those on OCR #1; and were requested previously under OCR #1.

Roughly 7% of total listed.

@ Apparent gap in retrieval of documents classified no higher than SECRET for period, Mar 1968 - Dec 1971.

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DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO VIETNAM WAR, 1965 - 1975

NOTES:

1. OCR #1 appears to be complete / all-inclusive.
2. OCR #2 is at the SECRET level.
3. OCR #3 Contains TOP SECRET, TK, COMINT, CODEWORD Material.